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## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

### 24-HOUR REPORT

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) San Diego – Woman Had Five Kids, \$1 Million in Illegal Drugs in Minivan**

(U) A woman and her five children were stopped on 9 April at the US-Mexico border with 231 pounds of illegal drugs hidden in their minivan. The woman, identified by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) as a 34-year-old woman, was driving a Honda Odyssey when she was stopped just after midnight at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. The women's five children were inside the van at the time, officials said. CBP officials said they found illegal drugs hidden throughout the minivan. An imaging system highlighted unusual items in the doors, the side panels, the gas tank, and the spare tire well.

SOURCE: 10 April 2018, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) Illinois – Fake Marijuana Likely Tainted with Rat Poison Kills 3, Sickens 100**

(U) Springfield – Fake marijuana likely contaminated with rat poison has killed three people in Illinois and caused severe bleeding in more than 100 others, including a few in four other states. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has alerted doctors nationwide that patients with severe, unexplained bleeding may be additional cases. The CDC is helping Illinois authorities investigate the outbreak in the state, which began in early March. Illinois reported seven more cases on 10 March, bringing the nationwide total to at least 16.

SOURCE: 10 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### **(U) Bosnia-Herzegovina – Bosnian Authorities Arrest suspected ISIS Members**

(U) Sarajevo – Police have arrested two men suspected of being members of ISIS. Weapons were found to include grenades, ammunition, automatic rifle magazines, knives, combat vests, and flags looking like ISIS insignia, according to authorities. In December, a 25-year-old Bosnian man, in possession of a large quantity of weapons, was arrested in Sarajevo near the US Embassy. In 2016, the man was sentenced to one year in prison for joining ISIS in Syria in 2013.

SOURCE: 10 April 2018, [RadioFreeEurope](#)

##### **(U) Colombia – Colombia Arrests ex-FARC Negotiator, Could be Extradited to US**

(U) Bogota – Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said Monday that his forces have arrested a former peace negotiator for the FARC, the ex-rebel-group-turned-political-party, and that he could be extradited to the United States to face drug charges. The suspect, identified as Jesus Santrich, was arrested on Monday in Colombia on drug trafficking charges, Santos said in a message issued by his government.

SOURCE: 9 April 2018, [Associated Foreign Press](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Syria – 500 Douma Patients Had Chemical Attack Symptoms, Says World Health Organization**

(U) Douma – The World Health Organization (WHO) has said it estimated 500 people went to health facilities with “signs and symptoms” consistent with exposure to toxic chemicals after the attack on the rebel-held town of Douma. UN aid agencies do not have access to most of the enclave of eastern Ghouta, including Douma where the alleged attack occurred. The Syrian government has denied responsibility for the attack. The WHO report adds to mounting evidence of the use of toxic gas in the attack, which killed at least 42.

SOURCE: 11 April 2018, [The Guardian](#)

**(U) Turkey – At Least 15 ISIS-Linked Suspects Arrested in Istanbul**

(U) Istanbul – At least 15 foreigners were arrested in Istanbul for their alleged links with ISIS today, according to police sources. The anti-terrorism police teams conducted raids simultaneously in eight districts after they were tipped off about the presence of ISIS suspects planning terrorist attacks. Numerous documents and digital materials linked with the terrorist group were also seized during the operations. Turkish security forces have been involved in a long-running campaign to clear ISIS from Turkey.

SOURCE: 11 April 2018, [Yeni Safak](#)

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